

Grad 2026 June Events

GRAD WALK

Thursday, June 18th 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

Middle Schools and Willoughby Slope Elementary Schools

The Grad Walk involves having students dress in full regalia and return to their previous elementary/middle schools to walk through the hallways and be celebrated. Grads will be bused back to REMSS. **Space is limited, so please do not wait for the deadline if this is something you know you want to do.** To sign up for this event, RSVP on the Form that will be posted on the Grad Teams page starting on May 1 until May 21 (or earlier if the buses fill up).

Grads will board assigned buses to travel to local middle and elementary schools.

WEAR YOUR CAP AND GOWN! Comfortable walking shoes are highly recommended.

RED CARPET GALA

Friday, June 19th 3:30 – 4:30 pm

R.E. Mountain

If the weather is questionable, an email will be sent to families and a post made on the Grad Teams page by noon on Friday, June 19th to confirm the event.

Regardless of weather: All grads have the option of taking a FREE individual portrait in their formal attire with Mountain West Photographers at the start of the Red Carpet event in the small gym upon their arrival. Grads will receive a QR code at that time that can be used to access a free digital download of their portrait from their own personal digital gallery.

Weather permitting:

The event takes place outside if the weather permits to include families as part of the Dinner Dance celebration. Grads will walk alone, in pairs or small groups along a red carpet while family and friends watch and celebrate our Graduates of 2026. Afterwards people may mingle outside and take pictures. The event will end with one group picture of the grad class before the grads head to security and the bus for their dance.

Grads: Arrive by 3:15 and enter the school by the gym entrance.

Families: Remain outside the building and behind the roped area until all grads have walked the red carpet. Some chairs will be available to those people who require one. **After ALL the grads** have had a chance to walk the red carpet, families will be invited to mingle and take photos outside of the building. Due to our large numbers, families are kindly asked to remain outside of the building.

In case of poor weather that prevents us from having an outdoor event with families:

Grads only will be invited to gather inside the school to take pictures on the red carpet with the backdrops provided in the main gym. The event will end with one group picture of the grad class before the grads head to security and the bus for their dance. Grads should arrive by 3:30 for the only indoor scenario.

DINNER DANCE

Aria Convention and Banquet Centre

Friday, June 19th 6:00-11:00 pm

You must have paid your grad and student fees to be able to purchase a dinner dance ticket. **If fees are not yet paid, this item will not appear in your School Cash Online account.**

Grads must arrive at the school by 4:45 pm for group photo and security check, if not already present at the Red Carpet Gala and photography shoot.

Bus transportation is provided to and from the Dinner Dance. All attendees **MUST travel by bus** to Aria to be admitted to the event. Students arriving in private transportation will NOT be admitted to the venue and their ticket will not be refunded.

Grads attending the Dry Grad Event will continue to that venue from Aria. Please note that Dry Grad is organized by a parental committee not the school. You will need to purchase a separate Dry Grad ticket in addition to the Dinner Dance ticket (see the Dry Grad information at the end of this package). NOTE: only attendees of the Dinner Dance may go to the Dry Grad event, this includes guests.

Grads not attending the Dry Grad event will be picked up at 11:00 pm and returned to R.E. Mountain for 11:25 pm.

May 1 - May 21 Tickets on sale via School Cash Online. \$100.00 per person. Ticket option will only show up if your fees and fines are paid. If you have an approved guest, their ticket will also be in your School Cash Online account.

No refunds provided after June 1st

TABLE ARRANGEMENTS:

May 26 - May 28 Table seating sign up will happen during this time. A Form link will be available on the Grad Teams page on May 26 and will close at 3:30 pm on May 28. You may submit a full or partial table or indicate that you are looking to find table mates. The counselling department will be creating the table arrangements based upon your input. Please note that everyone is in the same room at Aria so you will all be together with your entire Grad class. The table arrangement is for the seated dinner part of the event.

Note: There is no option to have more than 10 people at a table. Requests to be beside another table will also not be considered.

GRAD CEREMONY REHEARSAL

Monday, June 22nd from 11:00 am until noon
R.E. Mountain Secondary – Main Gym

All grads are expected to attend a **MANDATORY** graduation ceremony rehearsal in the main gym. This is for grads only. Grad gowns can be left at home as they are not needed for this.

GRAD CEREMONY

Tuesday, June 23rd at 5:30pm (Grads must arrive by 4:45pm)
Langley Events Centre
Estimated end time is 9:00 pm (please plan to stay for the entire ceremony)

The Grad Ceremony is held in the arena of the Langley Event Centre. There is ample parking as well as nearby grassy areas that provide great backdrops for family pictures. Wheelchair seating is available; elevator access is at Gate 3.

- Guests **must bring their ticket** to the main entrances (Gate 2 & 4). Elevator access is at Gate 3.
- **NO tickets will be sold at the door.**
- There will be **no in-and-out privileges** (once you exit, you will not be allowed back into the venue).
- Water is welcome in the arena. Unfortunately, **purchased outside food is not allowed** (i.e. restaurant take-out) in the Langley Event Centre. Please eat before arrival or bring a snack. Coffee, tea, drinks and snacks will be available to purchase from 4:45 – 5:30.
- **No balloons** allowed inside the venue.
- **Grads will not be permitted to leave the arena floor to go outside to take pictures during the ceremony as this is disrespectful to their fellow graduates.** If you have guests who will not be staying for the entire ceremony, consider taking your pictures with your grad prior to 4:45 pm.

RSVP OF GRADS

All grads need to let us know if they are attending the ceremony.

LINK to submit your RSVP: [RSVP Grad Ceremony 2026 – Fill out form](#)

WHAT TO WEAR

It is up to grads what they would like to wear under their grad gown. Many students wear dress pants and a collared shirt/ blouse or a dress. There is no rule. You will be sitting for a few hours, so be comfortable. Suit jackets are not recommended. Choose your shoes carefully, you will need to walk across the arena floor, up to and across the stage, and back down.

FLOWERS/GIFTS

We are always amazed at the parent support at the Grad Ceremony. We understand that some families like to show their support in giving their child a bouquet of flowers during the graduation ceremony. If you bring a token of your appreciation, you will need to **give this to them after the ceremony** and outside of the venue. **Balloons are not allowed in the facility.**

TICKETS

Each grad will be guaranteed **FOUR guest tickets at a cost of \$5.00 each.** We acknowledge that many families will be wanting more than 4 tickets, unfortunately with our very large grad class this is the equal division of tickets to grads. To purchase tickets - all school and grad fees and fines must be paid. Grads themselves do not need to purchase a ticket, as they will be seated in their own section. It is up to grads who they give their tickets to.

There are **no direct sales to guests**; purchasing occurs through the grads' School Cash Online account. **NO tickets will be sold at the door.**

May 1 - 21 Ticket purchasing will be done via School Cash Online
Tickets that are paid for will be picked up by students during Grad Package pick up.

If there are extra tickets after the window to purchase is closed, any remaining tickets will be allotted in a lottery. If this is the case, an email and Grads Team page post will be sent out with a link for the grad to submit their name on May 25.

GRAD PACKAGE PICK UP

Grads can pick up their cap and gown during the lunch break in the week of June 8-12th. Paid Ceremony and Dinner Dance tickets will also be given out at this time. The cap and gown are yours to keep. Bring photo ID to the pick-up.

Pick up is arranged by last name, as follows:

Monday, June 8 - Last Names A - E
Tuesday, June 9 - Last Names F - K
Wednesday, June 10 - Last Names L - O
Thursday, June 11 - Last Names P - S
Friday, June 12 - Last Names T - Z

Location: Outside door of the Learning Commons
(please line up outside of the building on the east side).

You must pick up your own grad package (friends cannot pick up for each other).

Note: All fees and fines must be paid, and overdue books (library and class materials) returned before grads will be given cap, gown and ceremony tickets. Please check your School Cash Online account to make sure all required fines and fees are paid.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT DATES

May 1-21	Dinner Dance Tickets available to purchase on School Cash Online
May 1-21	Ceremony Tickets available to purchase on School Cash Online
May 1-21	Sign up for the Grad Walk
May 26-28	Dinner Dance Table Seating Selection Form is open
June 1	Last day for a refund for Dinner Dance ticket
June 8-12	Grads pick up cap & gown, dance and ceremony tickets outside the Learning Commons
June 18	Grad Walk for those who signed up (8:30 – 12:00)
June 19	Red Carpet Gala, Dinner Dance, and Dry Grad
June 22	Ceremony Rehearsal at REMSS main gym – mandatory (11:00 am)
June 23	Grads arrive at LEC – enter through Gate 1 at 4:45 pm Ceremony begins at 5:30 pm

If you have any questions, please contact:

Ms. Candice Wong (cwong@sd35.bc.ca)

Ms. Jennifer Howard (jennifer.howard@sd35.bc.ca) – Grad Walk questions

Ms. Tammy Smethurst (tsmethurst@sd35.bc.ca) – School Cash Online questions

Dry Grad Parent Committee (Remssdrygrad2026@gmail.com) – Dry Grad questions

Dry Grad 2026 Information

Hello REMSS 2026 Graduates & Families!

The REMSS 2026 Dry Grad Leadership Committee is working hard to plan & fundraise to make this year's Dry Grad a memorable, fun, and safe event for everyone AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

WHAT IS DRY GRAD?

Dry Grad is an all-night, supervised party for graduating students and their guests. Absolutely no alcohol or other drugs, including tobacco, are allowed. This event is planned by parents to create a memorable, fun and safe event, which follows the school organized dinner/dance for graduating students. Without the support and donations from our community, this event would not be possible.

LOCATION: Central City Fun Park, Saturday, June 20, 2026, 12:00 – 3:30 am

The dry grad venue is a 3-minute walk from the Dinner & Dance event at Aria Banquet Hall, which ends at 11pm on Friday, June 19, 2026.

TICKET PURCHASING: Tickets will be sold via Zeffy.com (more details to come soon; price will be determined after the fundraising period is over). School approved guests who attend the Dinner Dance will be allowed to purchase and come to the Dry Grad event.

WARDROBE CHANGE: We will have access to Aria Banquet Hall from 11-11:45pm for students to freshen up and change from formal wear to casual wear. Grads will be able to drop off a bag with their change of clothes and shoes prior to the Dinner Dance (more details to come in June).

ENTERTAINMENT: Bowling, Arcade Games, Virtual Reality, Karaoke, Laser Tag, Mini Golf and Door Prizes. We are also planning to add additional fun & games!

FOOD: We will be looking to feed the grads/guests/volunteers throughout the event and are still planning those details but could include pizza, snacks and drinks.

TRANSPORTATION: Students will walk between the venues – safely guided by volunteers. Charter buses will be ready at 3:30 am for students to be transported back to REMSS for pick up at 4:00 am.

The Dry Grad Parent Committee is looking for your support!

REMSS Dry Grad with Return-It

Return-It App makes donations easy.

You can donate direct by using our account: 604-825-9539

**Want us to pick up? No problem - email us at REMSSDryGrad2026@gmail.com

Dry Grad Event - Draw Prizes

Can you donate a prize? Prizes will be given out to our students at the Dry Grad Event! Please drop your prize off to the school office labeled For: DRY GRAD COMMITTEE

Looking for items such as:

Electronics: AirPods, TVs, iPads, MacBooks, Apple AirMax, VR, PS5, JBL Speakers, Mini Projectors, etc.

Gift Cards: Sephora, Aritzia, The Hockey Shop, Best Buy, LuluLemon, Indigo, JD Sports, Restaurants, Malls, etc.

For Fun: Mini Fridge, Dyson Air Wrap, Stanley Water Bottles, etc.

Donations - STILL ACTIVELY SEEKING SUPPORT

The cost of Dry Grad is approx. \$75,000, which covers venue, transportation, food, décor, entertainment, and prizes.

 **Ways to Give**

1) Cash / Cheque (no tax receipt)

Payable to R.E. Mountain Secondary Dry Grad

Drop off or mail to:

RE Mountain Secondary School

7633 202A St, Langley, BC V2Y 1W4

2) School Cash Online (no tax receipt)

Donate online via the SchoolCashOnline portal

3) Tax Receiptable Donation

Donate online <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/langley-school-district-foundation/p2p/remssdrygrad2026/>

Parent Volunteer Sign-Up link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48A5A92DA4F58-63179607-drygrad#/>

THANK YOU for helping us make this year's Dry Grad a memorable celebration!